

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 9, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on May 9, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.. Present were Mark Manning, Don Peters, Bob Foley and Karen Rhodes. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator was also present as well as Bill and Cecilia Llewellyn and Jonathan Allen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Don moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jonathan Allen Property. Andy explained that Jonathan Allen owns the 20 acres just north of and bordering the district boundaries on Somers Road. Jonathan would like to request annexation to the water/sewer district. His future plans at this time is to have 3 connections. Lakeside will have to approve the annexation as well.

Mark moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to approve the Annexation Petition by Jonathan Allen.

All Aye.

Andy will talk with Lakeside and Jonathan's engineer to get this annexation completed.

B. Bill Llewellyn....Minnie Coughlin old house. Bill and his wife were present to discuss the abandoned water/sewer line (which was requested by Minnie Coughlin some years ago). Bill would like the District to make a deal on him being able to connect the abandoned lines as the total plant investment fee is \$10,627 and he feels he should not have to pay the fees.

Ruth explained that the Rules specifically state that the plant investment fee stands. It

was also explained that this had been clearly stated to Minnie and her daughter when they requested abandonment.

Bill and Cecilia then stated that they feel they should not have to have paid the delinquent bill of \$900 which accumulated. Rules state that if a water service is shut off the amount in full plus a \$50 reconnect fee is required before the water is turned on, regardless of who accumulated the arrears. Bill stated numerous times that Rita and Andy weren't doing their jobs when Minnie was alive as the bill was delinquent. The rules concerning the delinquencies state that a customer can make a payment plan in order for them to catch up their bills. The last payment was \$100 from August, 2017, there was no payment in September and the water was shut off in October due to delinquency. During that period of time Minnie passed away and the house was given to Cecelia.

After much discussion, it was agreed by the Board that the request for a "deal" on the plant investment fees was denied. At 6:58 Ruth stated that the discussion was finished.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Engineer's Report–Summit Avenue/Water Tank. Shari arrived at 6:45 p.m.. She gave her report on the construction progress. Shari explained that we should be saving some money due to fewer rocks and the fact that they will be able to recycle the gravel which was removed when the project started.

It looks as if we will have to open the contract to include the changes for the asphalt repair but it could be a mutual benefit for both sides.

Discussion began about the elevation of Summit Avenue and the storm run-off. Shari stated that they will look at what can be done to improve the problem.

Shari thinks that they will be done with the water mains and very soon begin installing new water lines from the main to the customers meter pit.

This project should be completed prior to the estimated complete date.

Appointment of Board Members. We received a letter from the election department stating that due to lack of candidates the Board must appoint directors to Bob Foley and Don Peters seats.

Karen moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to re-appoint Don Peters and Bob Foley to the 4 year term.

All Aye.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A. Financial Statements. Rita presented the Financial statements for month ending 4/30/2018.

B. Bills. The Unpaid Bills Report was presented.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to approve payment of the bills totaling \$62,814.40.

All Aye.

C. Correspondence. As discussed above.

D. Delinquents. The delinquent list was presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andy presented his Manager's Report for April 12th through today.

Andy explained that the chlorine will continue for approximately 2 weeks after the construction is completed to be certain all bacteria that could get into the system will be killed.

Discussion concerning the ability of the District to refuse private wells within the District. It was agreed that until we have a water main in the School Addition area we cannot refuse to allow private wells.

Being no further business.

Don moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m..

Minutes approved at the June 13, 2018 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary